

years of service outside the continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii and is returning to his actual place of residence to take leave before serving at least 2 more years of duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii.

(c)(1) Under regulations prescribed under section 5738 of this title, an agency may pay, subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, the expenses described in paragraph (2) of this subsection in any case in which the head of the agency determines that the payment of such expenses is necessary for the purpose of recruiting or retaining an employee for service of a tour of duty at a post of duty in Alaska or Hawaii.

(2) The expenses payable under paragraph (1) of this subsection are the expenses of round-trip travel of an employee, and the transportation of his immediate family, but not household goods, from his post of duty in Alaska or Hawaii to the place of his actual residence at the time of appointment or transfer to the post of duty, incurred after he has satisfactorily completed an agreed period of service in Alaska or Hawaii and in returning to his actual place of residence to take leave before serving another tour of duty at the same or another post of duty in Alaska or Hawaii under a new written agreement made before departing from the post of duty.

(3) The payment of expenses of any employee and the transportation of his family under paragraph (1) of this subsection is limited to the expenses of travel and transportation incurred for not more than two round trips commenced within 5 years after the date the employee first commences any period of consecutive tours of duty in Alaska or Hawaii.

(d) This section does not apply to appropriations for the Foreign Service of the United States.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 505; Pub. L. 97-253, title III, §351(a), (b), Sept. 8, 1982, 96 Stat. 800; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title XVII, §1723(b)(1), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2759; Pub. L. 105-264, §6(8), Oct. 19, 1998, 112 Stat. 2356.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Derivation | U.S. Code | Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large |
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| (a) | 5 U.S.C. 73b-3(a) (3d proviso). | Aug. 31, 1954, ch. 1155 (1st proviso), 68 Stat. 1008. |
| (b) | 5 U.S.C. 73b-3(a) (4th proviso). | Sept. 2, 1958, Pub. L. 85-858, 72 Stat. 1274. |

The first 14 words of subsections (a) and (b), and subsection (c), are added on authority of former section 73b-3(a) (less 3d-6th provisos), which is carried into section 5722.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-264 substituted “an employee of the Government” for “an employee of the United States”.

1996—Subsecs. (a) to (c)(1). Pub. L. 104-201, §1723(b)(1), substituted “Under regulations prescribed under section 5738 of this title” for “Under such regulations as the President may prescribe”.

1982—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 97-253, §351(a), inserted “, Alaska, and Hawaii” after “continental United States” wherever appearing.

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 97-253, §351(b), added subsec. (c) and redesignated former subsec. (c) as (d).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-201 effective 180 days after Sept. 23, 1996, see section 1725(a) of Pub. L. 104-201, set out as a note under section 5722 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1982 AMENDMENT

Section 351(c), (d) of Pub. L. 97-253, as amended by Pub. L. 97-346, §3(m), Oct. 15, 1982, 96 Stat. 1649, provided that:

“(c)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect with respect to expenses incurred after the date of enactment of this Act [Sept. 8, 1982] for round-trip travel (commenced after such date) of an employee or transportation of his immediate family from his post of duty to the place of his actual residence at the time of appointment or transfer to the post of duty.

“(2) The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall not apply to any employee who is serving a tour of duty at a post of duty in Alaska or Hawaii on the date of the enactment of this Act [Sept. 8, 1982] during—

“(A) such tour of duty, and

“(B) any other consecutive tour of duty following such tour of duty.

“(d) For the purposes of subsection (c), the term ‘employee’ shall have the same meaning as provided in section 5721(2) of title 5, United States Code.”

§ 5729. Transportation expenses; prior return of family

(a) Under regulations prescribed under section 5738 of this title, an agency shall pay from its appropriations, not more than once before the return to the United States of an employee whose post of duty is outside the continental United States, the expenses of transporting his immediate family and of shipping his household goods and personal effects from his post of duty to his actual place of residence when—

(1) he has acquired eligibility for that transportation; or

(2) the public interest requires the return of the immediate family for compelling personal reasons of a humanitarian or compassionate nature, such as may involve physical or mental health, death of a member of the immediate family, or obligation imposed by authority or circumstances over which the individual has no control.

(b) Under regulations prescribed under section 5738 of this title, an agency shall reimburse from its appropriations an employee whose post of duty is outside the continental United States for the proper transportation expenses of returning his immediate family and his household goods and personal effects to the United States, when—

(1) their return was made at the expense of the employee before his return and for other than reasons of public interest; and

(2) he acquires eligibility for those transportation expenses.

(c) This section does not apply to appropriations for the Foreign Service of the United States.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 505; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title XVII, §1723(b)(1), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2759; Pub. L. 105-264, §6(9), Oct. 19, 1998, 112 Stat. 2356.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| <i>Derivation</i> | <i>U.S. Code</i> | <i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i> |
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| | 5 U.S.C. 73b-3(a) (5th and 6th provisos). | Aug. 31, 1954, ch. 1155 (less 1st proviso), 68 Stat. 1008. |

The first 14 words of subsections (a) and (b), and subsection (c), are added on authority of former section 73b-3(a) (less 3d-6th provisos), which is carried into section 5722. The words “household effects” and “household goods” in the 5th and 6th provisos of former section 73b-3(a) are changed to “household goods and personal effects” for clarity and consistency in the use of the words elsewhere in this subchapter.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 105-264 struck out “or its territories or possessions” after “to the United States”.

1996—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 104-201 substituted “Under regulations prescribed under section 5738 of this title” for “Under such regulations as the President may prescribe”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-201 effective 180 days after Sept. 23, 1996, see section 1725(a) of Pub. L. 104-201, set out as a note under section 5722 of this title.

§ 5730. Funds available

Funds available for travel expenses of an employee are available for expenses of transportation of his immediate family, and funds available for transportation of things are available for transportation of household goods and personal effects, as authorized by this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 506.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| <i>Derivation</i> | <i>U.S. Code</i> | <i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i> |
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| | 5 U.S.C. 73b-1(c). | Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 744, § 1(c). 60 Stat. 807. |

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

§ 5731. Expenses limited to lowest first-class rate

(a) The allowance for actual expenses for transportation may not exceed the lowest first-class rate by the transportation facility used unless it is certified, in accordance with regulations prescribed under section 5738 of this title, that—

(1) lowest first-class accommodations are not available; or

(2) use of a compartment or other accommodation authorized or approved by the head of the agency concerned or his designee is required for security purposes.

(b) Instead of the maximum fixed by subsection (a) of this section, the allowance to an employee of the Government for actual expenses for transportation on an inter-island steamship in Hawaii may not exceed the rate for accommodations on the steamship that is equivalent as nearly as possible to the rate for the lowest first-class accommodations on trans-pacific steamships.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 506; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title XVII, § 1723(b)(4), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2759; Pub. L. 105-264, § 6(10), Oct. 19, 1998, 112 Stat. 2356.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| <i>Derivation</i> | <i>U.S. Code</i> | <i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i> |
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| (a) | 5 U.S.C. 73b. | Mar. 3, 1933, ch. 212, § 10, 47 Stat. 1516. Aug. 2, 1946, ch. 744, § 6, 60 Stat. 808. |
| (b) | 5 U.S.C. 73e. | May 28, 1938, ch. 289, § 811, 52 Stat. 577. |

In subsection (a), the words “by or under authority of law” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (b), the words “by or under authority of law” are omitted as surplusage. The words “after the date of the enactment of this Act” are omitted as obsolete.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-264 substituted “Government” for “United States”.

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-201 substituted “in accordance with regulations prescribed under section 5738 of this title” for “in accordance with regulations prescribed by the President”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-201 effective 180 days after Sept. 23, 1996, see section 1725(a) of Pub. L. 104-201, set out as a note under section 5722 of this title.

§ 5732. General average contribution; payment or reimbursement

Under such regulations as the President may prescribe, appropriations chargeable for the transportation of baggage and household goods and personal effects of employees of the Government, volunteers as defined by section 8142(a) of this title, and members of the uniformed services are available for the payment or reimbursement of general average contributions required. Appropriations are not available for the payment or reimbursement of general average contributions—

(1) required in connection with and applicable to quantities of baggage and household goods and personal effects in excess of quantities authorized by statute or regulation to be transported;

(2) when the individual concerned is allowed under statute or regulation a commutation instead of actual transportation expenses; or

(3) when the individual concerned selected the means of shipment.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 506; Pub. L. 105-264, § 6(11), Oct. 19, 1998, 112 Stat. 2356.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| <i>Derivation</i> | <i>U.S. Code</i> | <i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i> |
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| | 5 U.S.C. 73b-5. | June 4, 1954, ch. 264, § 4, 68 Stat. 176. |
| | 22 U.S.C. 2504(h) (as applicable to 5 U.S.C. 73b-5). | Dec. 13, 1963, Pub. L. 88-200, § 2(e) (as applicable to the Act of June 4, 1954, ch. 264, § 4 (5 U.S.C. 73b-5)), 77 Stat. 360. |